

Raptors ROCK!

Mt. Carmel, Illinois - The **Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund** awarded a 2014 state grant to **Beall Woods State Park** to present the Owls of Illinois program to Edwards County Schools. School science supplies were purchased for “Hungry Hoot” classroom presentations for grades 1st – 7th grade classrooms; a student poster design contest gave honors to aspiring young artists; and, all-school assemblies were held to introduce actual live owls to the students in the gymnasiums. The Birds of Prey that were rockin’ on-tour included a Great Horned Owl, a Barn Owl, a Short-eared Owl and two Eastern Screech Owls.

These wildlife preservation educational opportunities are made possible thru charitable taxpayer donations through the **Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund** which is a check-off box on the Illinois 1040 Tax return, Schedule G, line 1A. The voluntary contribution check-off dollars go into the **Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund** and are used to award dollars to worthy educational programs like Owls of Illinois.

http://dnr.state.il.us/grants/Special_Funds/WildGrant.htm

